

## Update on Project Status and Schedule



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### Project Status Update

- ◆ **Continuing to define goals and objectives to define range of alternatives**
  - Habitat
  - Water Quality Management
  - Air Quality Management
  - Infrastructure
- ◆ **Developing criteria to focus description of alternatives to be included in Ecosystem Restoration Plan (ERP) and Programmatic EIR (PEIR)**
- ◆ **Will be starting to prepare Draft ERP and PEIR**

## Next Step - Define Alternatives

- ◆ **Identify range of criteria to focus alternatives**
- ◆ **Combine various factors and components into range of alternatives for ERP**
  - In-Sea factors include habitat, water quality management, and air quality management issues
  - Upland factors include habitat issues throughout the watershed
  - Configurations include partial Sea layouts and a whole Sea layout
- ◆ **Advisory Committee/Working Group input:**
  - Input to focus the descriptions of the alternatives

## Next Step - Prepare Draft ERP

- ◆ **Modify Existing Conditions and No Action Alternative descriptions**
- ◆ **Describe each Restoration Alternative**
- ◆ **For each Alternative:**
  - ❖ Describe habitat goals and benefits/drawbacks
  - ❖ Prepare specific layouts for habitat and facilities to manage flows, water quality, and air quality
  - ❖ Prepare phased construction/O&M plans and costs
  - ❖ Describe recreational and local economic opportunities
- ◆ **Advisory Committee/Work Group input:**
  - Review modified Existing Conditions & No Action Alternative descriptions and draft descriptions of alternatives

## Next Step - Prepare Draft PEIR

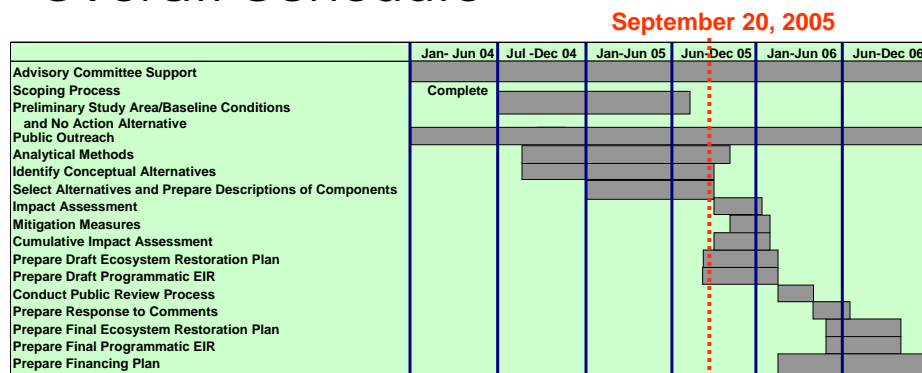
### ◆ Prepare Draft PEIR

- Compare Alternatives to No Action Alternative, Existing Conditions, and Variability Conditions ("Cumulative Impact Conditions")
- Determine impact of "Second 800TAF Transfer" on a programmatic basis

### ◆ Advisory Committee/Work Group input:

- Screening criteria and range of alternatives for PEIR
- Significance criteria for PEIR
- Input into environmentally-preferred alternative

## Overall Schedule



**Financing Plan will be completed with  
Final Documents in 2006**

# Preliminary Schedule for Completion of Draft Documents

	2005					2006	
	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb
<b>Complete Development of Restoration Alternatives</b> Development of Habitat, Infrastructure, and Air and Water Quality Components Finalize Selection of Final Alternatives							
<b>Complete Data Collection for Exist. Conditions, No Action Alt, &amp; Cum Impact Descriptions</b>							
<b>Preparation of Ecosystem Restoration Plan</b> Prepare Description of Alternatives for Ecosystem Restoration Plan Prepare Ecosystem Restoration Plan Finalize Ecosystem Restoration Plan							
<b>Preparation of Programmatic EIR</b> Prepare Final Descriptions of Existing Conditions and No Action Alternative Descriptions Conduct Impact Assess and Cum Impact Assessments Prepare Draft PEIR Finalize Draft PEIR							